

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 591

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A RESOLUTION to honor to honor and commend Timothy G. Whitsett, Jr. on being the 1998 valedictorian at Loretto High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Timothy G. Whitsett, Jr. is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as valedictorian of the 1998 graduating class at Loretto High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Timothy has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, before beginning his distinguished tenure at Loretto High School in 1994, he attended the St. Paul Catholic School in Pensacola, Florida, used the Seton Home Curriculum and attended the Sacred Heart School in Loretto; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, Timothy has earned an exceptional 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, his display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his long list of school honors and accolades includes, being voted the "Most Studious" member of his class from 1994-1998, being a member of the Beta Club, 1996 to

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present, being an FCA officer, 1997 to present, and being a member of the Gold Record Club, 1994 to present; and

WHEREAS, a valuable member of the Loretto High School baseball and football teams, he has been selected Tennessee First Team All-State Defensive Back, 1996; All-Midstate defensive Back, 1996; All-Region Most Valuable Offensive Back, 1996; football team Captain 1996 and 1997, *Tennessean* Associated Press Player of the Week, 1996; Tennessee All-State Honorable Mention quarterback, 1997; Tennessee All-Midstate quarterback, 1997; All-Region Most Valuable Player, 1997; Tennessee All-State Defensive Back, 1998; AA Regional Player of the Year in baseball, 1997; baseball All-District, 1995 and 1997; and school baseball team Most Valuable Player, 1997; and

WHEREAS, his work history includes being a lifeguard at the city pool in 1996-1997 and service as an umpire for the Loretto Little League and Babe Ruth League from 1995-1997; and

WHEREAS, Timothy's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Timothy G. Whitsett, Jr.'s dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we specially honor and commend Timothy G. Whitsett, Jr., on being the 1998 valedictorian at Loretto High School and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, with the final resolving clause deleted, be prepared and presented.